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- A certain Maschera, administrative director of the weekly review Omnibus. had received several subsidies for it from the Yugoslav Ambassy in Home, to cover the deficit of the periodical. Although the sums received were sufficient for their purpose, Maschera diverted them to his personal use.
- Omnibus had been receiving approximately 200,000 live per week from paid advertising, whereas the sum of 2,000,000 hirs per week was necessary to keep the periodical going. Similar weeklies have an advertising income of approximately 3,000,000 lire per week.

The Yugoslav Embassy thereupon seased furnishing financial aid to Omnibus,

- The Societa Editrice Toriness (SET), 5 Corso Valdocco, Turin, which edits the newspaper, La Cazzetta del Porolo, printed Camibue on its presses. Since it derived considerable profit from this contract, SMT did not desire to see Omnibus expire. SET had undertaken, through the Societa Italiano Pubblicita Radiofonica Anonima (SIPEM) 33 Via Arsenale, Turin, an advertising distributing agency for the weeklies, to put Omnibus on its feet and on a par with similar publications. The director of SIPRA, who had originally agreed to this proposal and had communicated such agreement to Cocare Fanti, director of SEC, later stated that he was unable to keep his promise as a result of the opposition shown by the Board of Directors and particularly by Giuseppe Spataro, Christian Democratic Deputy, who is a member of the Board. In the absence of other sources of financial backing, Giovanni Titta-Rosa, the political director, and the editorial staff of Compiles decided to cease publication immediately, in order to prevent the editorial liabilities from being satisfied by the liquidation fund held by the director and the editors,
- Titta-Rosa, disagrees along political and moral dispuss with Maschere. As a result. Titta-Rosa is now seeking to extricate control of the paper from Maschera and is negotiating to have it backed by a new group. These negotiations are supported by Mario Paggi and Arrigo Cajumi, leaders of the Consulta Laica. The purpose is to have Ornibus become an open tribunal along the lines maintained by the Consulta Laica. In this event, Titta-Bosa will remain political director of the weekly, but a change would be made in the administrative direction.

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